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SUBJ: WORKING GROUP ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL PARTS OF ICEM BUDGET

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- 1. MISSION SHARES DEPARTMENT VIEW THAT RESULTS RECENT WORKING GROUP MEETING LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED; HOWEVER, ON BASIS WORKING GROUP'S CAREFUL STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM IT WAS CONSENSUS AMONG W. G. MEMBERS THAT SIGNIFICANT MEASURE OF PROGRESS MADE.
- 2. WORKING GROUP CONFIDENT THAT INCREASED ASSESSMENTS TO SEVERAL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN NEW PROPOSED SCALE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET ACHIEVABLE; MOREOVER, RECENT INDICATIONS THAT ISRAEL MIGHT BE PREPARED TO AT LEAST DOUBLE ITS ASSESSMENT FURTHER IMPROVES PROSPECTS. AT TIME OF W.G. MEETING ISRAEL DELEGATION HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM TEL AVIV; CONSEQUENTLY, WE WERE ONLY ABLE PERSUADE THEM TO ACCEPT 1.25 PERCENT INCREASE.

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3. WORKING GROUP FELT REASONABLY COMFORTABLE WITH ASSIGNMENT

OF 3.00 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO MISCELLANEOUS INCOME DERIVED FROM INTEREST EARNINGS ESPECIALLY AS INCOME FROM THIS SOURCE AND APPLIED TO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET DURING PAST FOUR YEARS HAS RANGED BETWEEN 5 AND 6 PERCENTAGE POINTS OF ASSESSMENT SCALE. SIMILARLY, ON BASIS OF DATA PROVIDED BY ICEM DIRECTOR AND ADMINISTRATION, WORKING GROUP HOPEFUL THAT 2.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS OF ASSESSMENT SCALE CAN BE RAISED FROM SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT FOR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE ICEM'S REGULAR PROGRAM.

- 4. PROPOSED CHARGE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF LOAN FUNDS TO BE APPLIED TO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET (2.00 PERCENT OF ASSESSMENT SCALE) WAS INNOVATION WHICH WORKING GROUP CONSIDERED INTERESTING AND FEASIBLE AND ONE DESERVING OF FURTHER STUDY AND CONSIDERATION BY ICEM GOVERNING BODIES.
- 5. GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT TIME OF WORKING GROUP MEETING RESULTS ACHIEVED REFLECT OPTIMUM THAT TRAFFIC WOULD BEAR. MATTER WILL BE PURSUED AT MAY MEETINGS OF SCBF AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MILLER

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